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Duty still calls in Iraq

Cpl. Paula M. Fitzgerald
1st Marine Division

CAMP HURRICANE POINT, Iraq — Things haven't changed much for Lance Cpl. Michael A. McKissick since Iraq was declared a sovereign nation June 28th.

The 22-year-old assault man with 2nd

Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, said he still wakes up at the same time, eats two hot meals a day, and performs the same duties he's done since arriving here a few months ago.

"No one really told us about what Iraq's sovereignty meant for us," he explained. "I guess things won't change for us too much."

According to Lt. Col. Paul Kennedy, battalion commander, the daily lives of his Marines and Sailors will not be impacted by the transition of power from the Coalition Provisional Authority to the Iraqi people.

"The day-to-day mission for the Marines will stay pretty much the same," Kennedy said. "But we have

started to make a much less overt presence out in town during daylight hours."

That's a welcome change for the Marines. As one infantryman put it, "The less we go out, the less chance there is of us getting blown up."

Still, Kennedy said the battalion is

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Joint forces 'at home on the range'



Pfc. Rich Mattingly

A Marine from 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, field fires an F88 Austeyr rifle, the Royal Australian Army's issued weapon, at the R-5 range aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, during joint training exercises as part of Operation Golden Eagle, June 24. The Australians will join 3/3's Battalion Landing team during Rim of the Pacific exercises in July. See page A-3 for the whole story.

Base gate renovations underway

Lt. Cmdr. Charlene Mowery
Public Works Officer

Construction activity for two improvement projects began at the entry gates to Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, last week. Although some impacts to traffic may be encountered as the projects progress, the Facilities Department here is committed to mitigating inconveniences to the greatest extent possible.

At the H-3 main gate, Facilities will be installing four pole-mounted floodlights and two new streetlights. The contractor, West Coast Construction, has already mobilized on-site, and its work will continue through August 2004.

During construction on the median at the H-3 gate, traffic will be limited to one outbound lane on the H-3 side of the gate for approximately one-tenth of a mile. Although the contractor will also be working on the H-3 side of the inbound lanes, one inbound lane will still be available as motorists approach the gate, and two lanes will still be available at the gate.

However, motorists should note that Facilities will not be working during BayFest 2004 activities. All four lanes will be open. Questions on this project should be directed to Marc Hirano at 257-2171, ext. 241.

At the Mokapu (back) Gate, Facilities is providing force protection upgrades, to include adding bollards for traffic routing and control, electrical and lighting improvements, and miscellaneous related work. In addition, the guard shack will be outfitted with upgraded doors, windows and finishes.

The contractor at the back gate, Go to Construction, has already mobilized on-site and work will continue there through December 2004. The gate will remain open as normally scheduled throughout the construction period, and the project will be phased to enable alternate schemes of traffic control around work areas.

All lanes at the back gate will also be open during BayFest; no traffic rerouting will begin until after BayFest ends.

City bus traffic through the back gate will be temporarily suspended from July through October, but all stops will continue to be serviced by buses using the H-3 gate only.

Questions about gate construction should be directed to Phil Lum at 257-2171, ext. 246.

Parents asked to increase vigilance

Lance Cpl. Megan L. Stiner
Combat Correspondent

Summer is in full swing and schools are out of session, which means that many school-aged children have a good deal of free time on their hands. Many of them may be spending that time reading books and playing games with friends, but parental supervision is the key to ensuring that children will not find themselves getting into mischief.



Photo Courtesy of CID

A costly act of juvenile delinquency occurred May 31 when two individuals, ages 10 and 14, set fire to the new playground, located at the intersection of Daly Road and Uli Street. The damage total \$40,000.

Although most children follow the rules and regulations aboard base, some incidences of juvenile misconduct have occurred here and could happen again. Parents need to be ever vigilant to know where their children are and what they are doing at all times of the day.

"It's been my experience that most juveniles respect their interaction with military police; however, there is that small percentage who push the limit," said Gary D. Robbins, operations chief with the Criminal Investigation Division.

"Most of the incidents we see boil down to peer pressure, where one [juvenile] does something and the others follow along," Robbins explained. "Parental upbringing plays a big role in what juveniles will do when thrown into these situations."

According to Richard V. Franklin, chief investigator with the CID, compliance with rules regarding curfew and headgear (for bikes, roller blades/

skates and skateboards) are the primary youth-related issues military police face during the summer months.

"Parents hold primary responsibility for their children's actions," Franklin explained, "and most parents are doing an excellent job. But, they need to realize that many of their children are at the age where they are very vulnerable to peer pressure."

Parents also need to be aware, Franklin said, that they will be held accountable at a magistrate's hearing for their children's actions, if their children are caught in criminal activity aboard the base.

"One thing parents can do to look out for their children is listen to them more," said Franklin. "Kids want to talk. If parents listen to their kids, they can find out who the kids causing the problems are, and prevent their children from hanging around those individuals."

Discipline begins in the home, Franklin continued, and, ideally, a child's parents will be able to control a situation by monitoring their children's activities and talking with them about acceptable behavior. If a situation goes beyond parental capabilities, the military police are as close as a phone call and ready to help, along with family and youth services offered

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MCBH News Briefs

Fireworks Prohibited Aboard Base

Per Marine Corps Base Hawaii regulations (Base Order 11320.6, para. 9001), pyrotechnics, fireworks and explosives are prohibited on the installation. Fireworks include toy cannons, firecrackers, torpedoes, skyrockets, roman candles, sparklers, or similar items, capable of producing a visual or audible effect by combustion or detonation. (The fireworks presentation at BayFest 2004 has received a full waiver from the commanding general.)

Residents Reminded of Formation Regulations

Base residents and visitors are reminded that formation running, even in small numbers, is prohibited near the Mokapu (back) Gate and along the Nu‘upia Ponds Recreational Trail prior to 7 a.m.

No chanting, cadence calling, announcing times expired for group runs, exercise repetition calls or other loud verbal outbursts are allowed in this area at any time.

The sign posted along Mokapu Road as you approach the Mokapu Gate reiterates the commanding general's policy regarding activities in the vicinity of the boundaries between the base and neighboring residential areas. The policy is in place to respect the privacy of our civilian neighbors and to ensure that their rest is not disturbed by early morning training.

Violations of this policy are punishable under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

PWMA Accepts Brick Orders

Brick orders have been reopened for the "Walkway of Honor" at the Pacific War Memorial, near the MCB Hawaii main gate. Each 4-inch by 8-inch brick may be inscribed with the name of a loved one or friend, with rank, service dates and other limited information included, space permitting.

Those interested in purchasing an inscribed brick may visit the Pacific War Memorial Association Web site at www.pacificwarmemorial.org for information on how to order. Brick orders (which are tax deductible) will remain available through Dec. 31.

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Algae blooms around Oahu

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Combat Correspondent

A recent algae/diatom bloom offshore of Mokapu Peninsula may have been the source of the concerns subsequently raised with Marine Corps Base Hawaii officials by local residents.

On the morning of June 16, Base Water Safety personnel here noticed “sludge-like” matter floating in the ocean offshore Pyramid Rock and moving toward North Beach. Water safety personnel notified the Environmental Protection and Compliance Department was notified to request identification of the material.

MCB Hawaii was one of the first entities to notify state and federal agencies of the bloom’s existence. Several other blooms were identified in waters off Oahu on the same day.

Gordon Olayvar, natural resources technician with Environmental, responded to the call.

“Upon investigating the source, I determined that it was not petroleum or sewage, as was originally thought or assumed,” he said. “I believed the source of concern to possibly be biological in nature.”

The preliminary findings, according to Olayvar, concluded that the likely culprit was the planktonic dinoflagellate *Gymnodinium breve*, a

toxin-producing species associated with red tides in the Gulf of Mexico, off the coast of western Florida.

“I conducted a reconnaissance and surveillance [R&S] along our shoreline that afternoon, and observed patches of the bloom a few yards off both Pyramid Beach and North Beach,” said Olayvar. “It appeared to be breaking up a bit due to the ongoing ocean conditions, although it was very obvious to the eye.

“I also performed an R&S at Fort Hase Beach and [the] Ulupau Dunes coastal areas. The bloom appeared to be more prevalent in this area, stretching from the coastal areas near the weapons training facility, along the shoreline and stretching out toward the Mokulua Islands.”

Because Base Water Safety personnel had experienced eye and skin discomfort when in the water near the bloom, Olayvar asked them to alert any beachgoers not to go into the water that day, and to keep recreational activity away from the bloom. In accordance with established joint agency response procedures, he also notified the State of Hawaii and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service of the bloom’s appearance and location.

Olayvar and other Environmental representatives worked with a group of other agency biologists (who were, by sheer coincidence, on base to conduct a regularly scheduled Rapid

Environmental Assessment or REA) to gather samples of the matter for testing and identification. They also provided source samples for independent testing by state and federal regulatory agencies.

Each of these tests concluded that the material was indeed part of an algae/diatom bloom and not a point pollution (petroleum or sewage release) incident. All participating agencies confirmed that the source of the material was biological, and that there had been no point pollution from MCB Hawaii or other local community sources.

“These kinds of blooms are rare, but [a] naturally occurring biological event,” Olayvar explained. “Nature causes its own waste at times, and this is one example. The matter breaks up and dissipates due to surf and wind conditions.”

According to Olayvar, the suspected *G. breve* algae produce a series of neurotoxins called “brevotoxin.” Brevotoxin can cause asthma-like symptoms, possibly burning the eyes and irritating the skin. But, the larger danger may be in the consumption of shellfish in the infected area. *Gymnodinium breve* has been linked to neurotoxic shellfish poisoning (NSP), and this form of food poisoning has been known to cause distress

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‘Opening of the ways’



Photo by Navy Lt. Kenneth R. Lee

More than 15 Marines from 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines, participated in a “sweat lodge” initiated by Cpl. Catcher Cutstherope, a 1/3 Marine and member of the Gros-ventre/Assiniboine Indian Tribe.

Native Hawaiian “priestess” Nalani Olds, blessed the grounds during the “Opening of the Ways” ceremony held Sunday at Waterfront Operations.

The traditional Hawaiian ceremony calls to the native spirits to bless and cleanse the land, in this case for the

Native American purification and healing ceremony.

The ceremony was led by medicine man Leon Stiffarn, Vietnam veteran and member of the White Clay tribe.

“It doesn’t matter what tribe you are from, or ethnic background,” said Stiffarn. “It is about honoring who you are as a human being.”

According to Stiffarn, the purpose of the sweat lodge is to bring the mind, body, spirit and emotions all in sync through cleansing and purification.

Vaccination programs expanded

Department of Defense
Press Release

Dr. William Winkenwerder Jr., assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, announced Wednesday that the anthrax and smallpox vaccination programs would include selected units within the U. S. Pacific Command, additional personnel now serving with the U.S. Central Command and other selected groups.

“The decision to protect additional personnel with these vaccines reflects our concern for their health and safety as well as the continuity of essential operations,” said Winkenwerder. “When we began these vaccination programs we stated that we would periodically review them, evaluating the threats to our forces and vaccine availability.

“We recently completed such an evaluation and determined that the threat continues. In light of our successful implementation of these programs and the increased quantities of vaccine, we will include additional forces in the vaccination programs,”

he explained.

Vaccination offers an extra layer of protection, in addition to antibiotics and other measures, needed for members of the armed forces, emergency-essential DoD civilians and contractor personnel carrying out mission-essential services.

The program update will continue to include personnel assigned or deployed to the selected units for 15 or more consecutive days. DoD will offer the vaccinations to family members in these geographic areas on a voluntary basis. Winkenwerder said DoD will pursue vaccination, subject to appropriate procedures, of emergency essential civilian employees and comparable contractor personnel in these geographic areas.

DoD continues to reserve a portion of the vaccine supply for contingency use by other federal agencies. The Office of Homeland Security heads the planning effort among federal agencies for use of the vaccine.

Anthrax remains one of the top biological warfare threats to U.S. troops. Vaccination is the safest and most reliable way to protect U. S. Forces from a potential threat that is highly

lethal, even with early treatment.

Since June 2002, DoD has vaccinated more than 750,000 service members with more than 2.2 million doses of anthrax vaccine. Refusals among service members leading to separations from the service have been extremely rare since 2002, only four per 100,000 persons vaccinated.

Because of its contagious nature, smallpox is also considered a top biological warfare threat. It can cause a severe rash covering the whole body that can leave permanent scars; high fever, severe headaches or backaches are other symptoms. Smallpox infection kills about three out of ten people infected. As a bioweapon, it can generate significant consequences and critically interrupt military operations.

Since December 2002, DoD has vaccinated more than 625,000 service members for smallpox.

DoD continues to work aggressively with the Department of Health and Human Services, using a new federal coordinating committee and the Bioshield Legislation to prioritize and develop new and better vaccines and other medical countermeasures for biological threats.

From the land Down Under

‘Operation Golden Eagle’ brings Marines together with the Royal Australian Army

Story and Photos by
Pfc. Rich Mattingly
Combat Correspondent

Marines and Sailors may have noticed some soldiers in an unusual cammie pattern alongside them in line at the chow hall, asking for “vegemite.” Some may have seen these soldiers marching along Mokapu Road with a precision usually only seen in a Marine Corps unit. And still others may perhaps have been called “mate,” as they were generously offered a pint at the club.

If any of these instances sound familiar, then you’ve probably already discovered that the Aussies have landed.

Recently, as Marines from 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, were deploying to Australia, a company from the Royal Australian Army was arriving here to undergo Marine Corps training.

The Kaneohe Bay side of “Operation Golden Eagle” will culminate during the Rim of the Pacific training exercise this month. Beginning with a two-week training package, Marines and Aussies will swap some patrolling techniques and ideas.

Charlie Co., 2nd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, will act as a fully integrated company in 3/3’s Battalion Landing Team during the exercise.

After the Australian soldiers arrived, they conducted weapons drills, worked out on the Obstacle Course at Landing Zone Boondocker, fast-roped and rappelled, trained at the Indoor Simulated Marksmanship Trainer, participated in a battalion change of command ceremony, and even attended a barbecue with Marines at Ft. Hase Beach aboard K-Bay.

Both Marines and the Australians have been extremely excited about training together.

“It’s outstanding,” said 1st Lt.

Whitney Foley, assistant operations officer with 3/3. “We’ve put together a helicopter-training package for the Australians, so they can integrate seamlessly into what we’ll be doing. They’ll be just like another company of Marines, just with their own style.”

Sgt. Maj. Nev Warwick, company sergeant major of Charlie Co., said, “On our side, we’re looking at how the Marines’ amphibious operation works. We get a better idea of what will help us if we jointly deploy and how Marines do business. We can go back to Australia and write up amphibious doctrine based on what we see and experience here.”

Training in new ways, in a different environment, as well as accomplishing training they can’t do at home, is exactly why the Aussies came to train here.

“We don’t get to fast rope or do much helo training in Australia. This is good for us, and the lights of Waikiki are keeping the morale of the men up,” explained Warwick.

The cooperative training allowed Marines and Australians to exchange weapons and send more than 30,000 rounds downrange at the R-5 range on K-Bay, June 24. The Australian Army regulars got their hands on the M16A2 service rifle and the M249 squad automatic weapon, while Marines from 3/3 got to take their turn with the F89 Austeyr rifle, or “steyr,” and the Minimi light support weapon.

The weapons systems all use the same NATO 5.56mm round, with the M249 SAW and Minimi being, in essence, the same weapon.

“Getting Marines to fire other weapons, especially ones as different as the Steyr, will make them more comfortable firing their own weapons,” said 1st Lt. Jonathan Frangakis, officer in charge of the R-5 range, who was there to over-



Marines from 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, field fire F88 Austeyr rifles — the Royal Australian Army’s issued weapon, at the R5 range here during joint training exercises as part of Operation Golden Eagle June 24.

see the field fire.

Beyond the training occurring here on the local level, 3/3’s commanding officer pointed out the importance of the training on an international level.

“Right now, the Australians are our allies in the Global War on Terrorism. There are so few opportunities to train with allies because the preponderance of troops is currently in theater. That makes this an outstanding opportunity

... there are no language barriers, and they are an extremely proficient force,” said Lt. Col. Norman L. Cooling, commanding officer, 3/3.

Camaraderie is high, said leaders, and the units are learning more about how one another operates and how they might function in tandem.

Upcoming joint training includes Military Operations in Urban Terrain exercises next week.



Members of the Royal Australian Regiment instructed 3/3 Marines on procedures for firing the F88 Austeyr rifle during training at the R5 range June 24.



Marine Corps Base Hawaii water safety instructors teach soldiers from Charlie Co., 2nd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment how to escape a submerged helicopter during training at the base pool June 25.

Word on the Street

If you could have a super hero power, what would it be and why?



“I’d be Professor Xavier from the ‘X-Men’, because if I could control minds, oh, boy.”

Sgt. Clinton Schwarz
NBC specialist,
Headquarters Battalion



“I’d be the Hulk because he’s INDESTRUCTABLE!”

Sgt. Nicholas Hasenfratz
Battalion combat
instructor,
Headquarters Battalion



“I would have the power to fly so I wouldn’t have to go on humps.”

Pfc. Dallas Tyler
Rifleman, Kilo Co., 3/3



“I would fly because I always thought it would be cool.”

Lance Cpl. Aaron Schroeder
Musician, MarForPac
Band



“I’d want to be invisible, so I could be a super-efficient combat weapon.”

Sgt. Luke Harvey
Accounting NCOIC,
Headquarters Battalion

Base benefits from recycling programs

Sgt. Reina Barnett
U.S. Marine Corps Forces Pacific

CAMP H. M. SMITH, Hawaii — At some point or another, we’ve all known or at least seen people in neighborhoods or public parks, collecting aluminum cans in hopes of getting some extra spending money from a recycling center for their aluminum finds.

While aluminum may not be a precious metal, these cans and other recyclable items can garner some serious cash for nifty collectors, and, of course, most everyone likes extra cash. Besides the cash, recycling helps our environment.

The Recycling and Reuse Center at Kaneohe Bay manages all recycling matters for Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

“We began by purchasing recycling bins for Camp Smith and putting them throughout the camp,” said James H.

Sibert, recycling program manager. “The people I came in contact with were very excited to start a recycling program.”

Early on, \$15,000 in revenue was generated from recyclable materials alone, Sibert explained. The money generated went to Headquarters Marine Corps’ Recycling Program and was used to pay for employees working recycling efforts at various Marine Corps bases. As a direct result of recycling, most conservation efforts translate into cost avoidance with money saved on other expenses.

“When a recycling program falls as a casualty, it can triple disposal costs,” said Sibert, “as the cost of trash disposal is expensive.”

Recycling reduces the amount of trash in bins, therefore reducing the number of times a disposal company has to come out and empty dumpsters, Sibert said. He added a good program could realisti-

cally save the base \$17,000 a year in trash disposal.

After Sept. 11, Camp Smith’s recycling program dwindled. Access to the base became stricter, and recycling bins became a safety issue for fear of their being used as possible bomb containers. However, Sibert’s desire is to see more people recycle.

Currently, Bldg. 56, which is located in the parking lot by the Provost Marshals Office here, is the Consolidated Recycling Center for Camp Smith.

“The building is always open and has bins for white paper, newspapers, aluminum cans and toner cartridges,” said Michael Miranda, a motor vehicle operator at the center.

Miranda used to drive to Camp Smith twice a week to pick up recyclables, and to service the remote locations around the base. Now he makes the trip about once a month.

“We are set up to support,” said Sibert. “As long as there is a desire to start a recycling program, we will take it from there.”

Sibert said that at one time, Camp Smith recycled more white paper than all of MCB Hawaii’s installations combined, but all locations can generate huge revenues from merely recycling white paper and aluminum cans, among many other recyclable items.

By recycling materials that we consistently throw away, Sibert explained, residents, employees and patrons could help reduce unnecessary waste and support a more effective and efficient workplace. Although recycling efforts may have tapered off in recent months, with renewed vision, all aboard base can still make a significant contribution.

For recycling support services, questions, comments or suggestions, get in touch with Sibert at 257-4300.

IRAQ, From A-1

making a few adjustments following Iraq’s assumption of power. Prior to Monday, the battalion repaired schools, donated medical supplies, handed out soccer balls and took on various other projects.

“A lot of our mission was to make sure the officials on the city level were capable of starting and completing projects on their own,” Maj. Kenneth D. Lindberg, head of the battalion's civil affairs section explained. “It’s going to be their show from now on.”

Abdul Karim Barjis Al Rawy, governor of the Al Anbar province, is looking forward to getting to work. During a visit to the Al Anbar Government Center, Monday, Kennedy and Barjis discussed the future of the province, which includes the cities of Ar Ramadi and Falluja.

With the Coalition taking a backseat in Iraq’s daily affairs, Barjis said his job should become a little easier.

“Many Iraqis believe that by working with the Coalition, I am a traitor or a spy,” he said. “They never really believed that the Coalition would give the country to the people. I believe now that it has actually happened, my people will no longer think I am a traitor.”

Barjis added he doesn’t want the Coalition Forces to pack up and leave just yet. The danger of an anti-Iraqi uprising is still a worry for him and his staff.

That point was driven home during the meeting between Kennedy and the governor. As the two spoke, a dozen insur-

gents with rocket-propelled grenades and machineguns attacked the Ramadi Agricultural Center, where Marines man observation positions. The center is located about a mile from the governor’s office.

Five enemy combatants were killed and a handful more were injured. The Marines credited the Iraqi National Guard, who also operate posts in the area, with several of the kills.

Kennedy reassured the governor that his Marines will continue to provide support.

“We will change nothing unless you ask,” said Kennedy. “We want the Iraqi people to know that the Coalition is not going to get on a plane and just go home.”



Cpl. Paula M. Fitzgerald

Lt. Col. Paul Kennedy (right), commander of 2/4, congratulates the governor of the Al Anbar province, Abdul Karim Barjis Al Rawy, shortly after Iraq was declared a sovereign country, Monday.

===== EVERY CLIME & PLACE =====

‘American Idol’ Marine releases his debut album

Cpl. Beth Zimmerman
Marine Corps Public Affairs
New York City

“I wanna cry like the rain ... shine like the sun on a beautiful mornin’ ... sing to the heavens like a church bell ringin’, fight with the devil and go down swingin’...”

NEW YORK — Fans across the country can now sing the lyrics from the country single “I Want to Live,” along with Lance Cpl. Josh Gracin, courtesy of their CD players.

An “American Idol 2” fourth-place finisher and an active duty Marine, Gracin released his self-titled debut CD this month on Lyric Street Records. He promoted the country CD with a weeklong visit to New York City.

“It was exhausting,” said 23-year-old Gracin. “We were going nonstop from 5 a.m. until 11 p.m. with no breaks,” he said of his interview schedule. “Even when eating meals, we did interviews.”

Gracin’s hard work promoting his album seems to have paid off as 57,048 copies were sold in its debut week around the country. “Josh Gracin” also debuted at No. 2 on the Billboard’s Top Country Album Chart and No. 11 on the Top 200 Album Chart.

According to Nielsen SoundScan, “Josh Gracin” is the fourth biggest-selling country debut album in its history. SoundScan is an information system that tracks weekly sales of music throughout the United States and Canada; it’s the sales source for Billboard music charts.

As the sales numbers and his popularity climbs, Gracin is still working his “day job.” He finishes his four-year enlistment in the Marine Corps in September. He used some of his annual leave time to visit New York from Camp Pendleton, Calif., to make his “Big Apple” media appearances.

“Being able to go around and talk to all of the radio and television stations was definitely cool,” Gracin said. “Everyone was really excited about what I’m doing.”

Gracin was already well known from “American Idol 2,” both as a Marine and a country singer. He realizes he represents the rest of the Corps to many people.

“Everyone was really enthused about the Marine Corps,” said Gracin. “They had so many good things to say about the Corps and about my career after-

wards,” the Michigan native said. “It was great to hear so much that was so positive.”

Gracin originally signed with his record company soon after one of his performances on “Idol.” He sang “I’m Moving On,” by the country music band Rascal Flatts. The band saw Gracin’s performance on its tour bus that night. The bass player ended up putting Gracin in touch with the band’s manager.

According to Gracin, much of the credit for his success goes to the Marine Corps.

“The experience helped define who I wanted to be and who I was going to be for the rest of my life,” he said. “It’s really helped prepare me for the rest of my life — mentally, physically and emotionally.

“I definitely hope that, in the long run, people will still associate me with the Marine Corps.”



Lance Cpl. Josh Gracin released his self-titled debut album after placing fourth in “American Idol 2.”

Salute to the fallen



Lance Cpl. Danielle M. Bacon

Marines from U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific, participated in a joint service color guard for the 54th Anniversary of the Korean War ceremony held at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, June 25. During the ceremony, wreaths were placed around the memorial from 15 different organizations. A moment of silence and a 21-gun salute were observed to honor fallen service members. The MarForPac Band provided music and “Taps.”

ALGAE, From A-2

and illness in humans — but no human fatalities have ever been reported from exposure or ingestion of infected shellfish.

“Infection of wildlife really isn’t such a factor here, as it was and can be in the Gulf of Mexico,” said Olayvar. “Because of the continental shelf, the blooms that occur in those areas linger for some time. The ocean currents here broke up the blooms within a day or two, and there should be no danger in consuming

any of the local fish or shellfish.”

The joint team responsible for responding to environmental concerns at MCB Hawaii includes base Environmental, the National Marine Fishery Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the State Department of Land and Natural Resources, the U.S. Geological Services, and the Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology, among others. Military police and their civilian counterpart agencies also may respond, depending on the needs of the situation.

For more information, call 257-6920.

YOUTH, From A-1

through Marine Corps Community Services’ Marine and Family Services Department.

“We want to stress the point that we are not the bad guys,” said Franklin. “We would like parents and children to understand that we are here to keep the peace on base. Our job is to maintain a safe environment for the residents who live here.”

“Parents are the key to appropriate supervision and to curbing juvenile crime aboard base,” emphasized Lt. Col. Chris Martin, the base provost marshal. “Knowing where their children are, talking to other parents, addressing misconduct when seen, and reporting violations, immediately, to military police, will really help. “It takes the entire community, working together, to address and prevent juvenile misconduct,” said Martin.

What can I do?

The base community can help to control delinquency problems by taking responsibility for themselves, their children and their belongings.

Parents should keep a close eye on their child’s curfew. Hawaii curfew law states that children under 16 years of age are to be clear of public places and streets between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.

The definition of “parental respon-

sibility” includes legal guardians, step-parents, surrogate parents and sponsors of minors on base.

At night, residents should make sure their home, garage, vehicles and all other valuables are secured. As an extra step, in case of burglary, residents should videotape their valuables so they have a taped inventory of important items.

Whenever you notice suspicious behavior, or children out beyond the hours of curfew, call in a report to the military police at 257-2123. Parents who need more information about on-base parental responsibilities and juvenile rules are encouraged to call the MPs at 257-7114.



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Base residents can help stop juvenile delinquency and property damage by reporting suspicious activity to PMO.

Recent Juvenile Incidents

- Arson on May 31 of the new playground at the intersection of Daly Road and Uli Street (\$40,000 in repairs and lost value).
- Graffiti on a wall of the Marine Corps Exchange building.
- Vehicle break-ins of unlocked cars in the E-8, E-9 and enlisted housing areas.
- Break-ins and vandalizing of vacant quarters.
- Theft from base housing in various areas.

Legal Consequences for Minors

According to the Criminal Investigation Division, if a juvenile is detained for an infraction on Marine Corps Base Hawaii, the following three avenues are available to the Military Police Department and/or CID to pursue legal action, depending on the seriousness of the offense:

- 1) Magistrate Court, conducted here on base, which may result in a local record on the juvenile;
- 2) Family Court, held at the courthouse in Honolulu, could result in a state record on the juvenile; or
- 3) Special Assistant for the U.S. Attorney’s Office, which may result in a federal conviction for the juvenile.

DUIs are career killers

(Editor’s Note: Per the commanding general of MCB Hawaii, those arrested for driving under the influence [DUI], driving while intoxicated or drug-related offenses shall be publicized in the Hawaii Marine newspaper.)

The Military Police Department added the following names to the DUI roster, suspended the license of the driver, and removed his or her vehicle and its DoD decal from the installation.

- June 20, Cpl. Jacob D. Brady of 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, for driving under the influence with a blood alcohol content of .150 percent.
- June 22, Lance Cpl. Robert R. Cornish of Headquarters and Service Bn., 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, for DUI with a BAC of .110 percent.
- June 22, Lance Cpl. Ryan M. Lukens of Combat Service Support Group 3, for DUI with a BAC of .160 percent.
- June 25, Sgt. Domingo R. Vasquez of Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 24, for DUI after refusing a BAC test.